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Sir:

I would like to comment on the DEIS for the Lake Whatcom Landscape plan. As an owner and manager of the only remaining sawmill in Whatcom County, Great Western Lumber Company, I am very concerned about the proposed alternatives. I would suggest you follow the No Action Alternative. Washington State has in place very stringent standards for logging in place already, and the preferred alternative and alternative 3 simply are overkill. This process has become more political than scientific, and when the environmental community succeeds in Lake Whatcom, they will use this model to further a political agenda, not a scientific agenda, in other areas of the state.

We currently employ 70 people in our company, which is totally dependant on public and private timber. We are very supportive of efforts to keep our water clean. However, we are not supportive of creative efforts to lower the timber supply and destroy jobs and companies like ours. This effort will have a negative effect on future private forest land owners as well as the state harvest. Our communities can not afford the loss of tax base, jobs and school trust funds simply to pacify a few people who disagree with logging.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the DEIS for the Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan.

The Lake Whatcom bill, E2SSB 6731, was passed by the legislature to protect drinking water and public safety in the Lake Whatcom watershed. I am writing to ask that the DNR change their preferred alternative to include no road building or logging on unstable slopes, to allow no oil and gas exploration in the Lake Whatcom watershed, to monitor the impacts of logging to streams and include a structure within the plan for changing management according to science or monitoring results, and to put in place a strong, inter-jurisdictional committee with the authority to stop risky forestry practices.

I encourage you to make these final changes to the preferred alternative in order to protect both public safety and the quality of a critical drinking water reservoir.

Sincerely,  
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